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Title: SECURE PRINTER SYSTEM FOR GAMING DEVICES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to initial examination in the merits, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Please note that the title of this continuation application has been changed to "SECURE PRINTER SYSTEM FOR GAMING DEVICES."

IN THE CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Please insert the following: "This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application serial number 09/420,222, filed on October 16, 1999."

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 3, line 5, please insert a --,-- after the word "space".

On page 3, line 13, after the words "wherein the", please delete the words "support

5 frame" and insert --chassis-- in their place.

On page 3, line 15, please insert the word --and-- after the word "removable".

On page 5, line 5, please delete "11" and insert --12-- in its place.

On page 5, after the description of Figure 10, please insert --Figure 11 is substantially a
perspective view of the modular printer system of the present invention with the printer assembly
being removed.--

On page 6, line 10, please delete "60" and insert --62-- in its place.

On page 6, line 15, please delete "comprises" and insert --comprise-- in its place.

On page 7, line 3, please delete "marker" and insert --markers (not shown)-- in its place.

On page 8, line 3, please insert the word "as" before the words "a computer".

On page 9, line 7, please delete the first occurrence of the word "rate".

On page 10, line 7, please delete the words "portions 35" and insert --portion 36-- in their
place.

On page 10, line 10, please delete the word "when" and insert --with-- in its place.

On page 11, line 3, please delete the first occurrence of the word "to".

20 On page 11, line 8, please delete the word "for".

On page 11, line 8, please delete "106" and insert --13-- in its place.

On page 11, line 11, please delete "12" and insert --112-- in its place.

On page 12, line 21, please delete the word "from" and insert --frame-- in its place.

On page 13, line 1, please delete "11" and insert --12-- in its place.

On page 13, line 22, please insert the word “the” before the word “presently”.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 1-4 and add new claims 5-21 as follows:

5 5. (New) A secure printer system comprising:

(a) an electronic device having a secure compartment, the compartment comprising a door and a locking mechanism; and

(b) a printer system positioned in the secure compartment, the printer system comprising a support frame, a chassis engaged with the support frame and a printer assembly removeably attached to the chassis.

6. (New) The secure system of claim 5, wherein the electronic device is a gaming device.

7. (New) The secure system of claim 5, wherein the electronic device is an automatic teller machine.

8. (New) The secure system of claim 5, wherein the printer system prints on a printable media that is outputted through an opening in the secure compartment.

20 9. (New) The secure system of claim 5, wherein the printer assembly comprises:

(a) a printer for printing on printable media; and

(b) a controller for controlling the printer.

10. (New) The secure system of claim 5, wherein the printer system further comprises a media holder for storing printable media, wherein the media holder is positioned beneath the printer assembly.

5 11. (New) The secure system of claim 6, wherein the printable media is fully exposed when the printer assembly is removed from the printer system.

12. (New) The secure system of claim 5, wherein the printer system further comprises glides for slidably engaging the chassis with the support frame in a lateral direction.

10 13. (New) The secure system of claim 5, wherein the printer assembly comprises pins for engaging slots in the chassis.

15 14. (New) The secure system of claim 5, wherein the printer system further comprises a locking mechanism for securing the chassis in a closed position on the support frame.

15. (New) A secure printer system comprising:

(a) an electronic device having at least one internal compartment, one of the at least one internal compartment being a secure compartment comprising a door, a locking mechanism and
20 an opening for dispensing printable media; and

(b) a printer system positioned in the secure compartment, the printer system comprising a support frame, a chassis engaged with the support frame, a printer assembly removeably attached to the chassis and a media holder for storing printable media.

16. (New) The secure system of claim 15, wherein the printer assembly comprises:

- (a) a printer for printing on the printable media;
- (b) a controller for controlling the printer;
- (c) a drive wheel for advancing the printable media through the printer system; and

5 (d) a media guide for guiding the printable media past the printer and through the opening
in the secure compartment.

17. (New) The secure system of claim 15, wherein the printer assembly further comprises a tear
bar for tearing the printable media.

18. (New) The secure system of claim 15, wherein the media holder is positioned beneath the
printer assembly, and wherein the printable media is fully revealed when the printer assembly is
removed from the printer system.

15 19. (New) The secure system of claim 15, wherein the printer assembly includes pins for
engaging slots in the chassis.

20. (New) The secure system of claim 15, wherein the printer system further comprises a locking
mechanism for securing the chassis in a closed position on the support frame.

20 21. (New) The secure system of claim 15, wherein the printer system further comprises glides
for slidably engaging the chassis with the support frame in a lateral direction.

REMARKS

Please enter this amendment prior to initial examination in the merits. By this amendment, the Drawings, Specification and claim 1 have been amended and new claims 5-21 have been added. No new matter is believed added.

5 The Specification has been amended to correct some minor typographical errors. Figure 11 has been amended in accordance with the Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections filed concurrently herewith to reconcile a minor labeling error. In particular, the Application originally submitted included two Drawings marked as "Figure 11." It is proposed to change the second "Figure 11" to "Figure 12." With respect to the claims, claims 1-4 have been cancelled and claims 5-21 have been added to further clarify the invention.

10 The applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the examiner has any questions regarding the application or this response, the examiner is encouraged to call the applicant's attorney, Ian F. Burns, at (775) 826-6160.

15 Respectfully submitted,



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SUBMISSION OF CORRECTED DRAWINGS

The applicant respectfully submits one (1) sheet of corrected drawings. The application was originally submitted with two drawings marked "Figure 11." The amended drawing does not add new matter to the application. The applicant respectfully requests that the new drawing be accepted for use with the allowed application.

Respectfully submitted,



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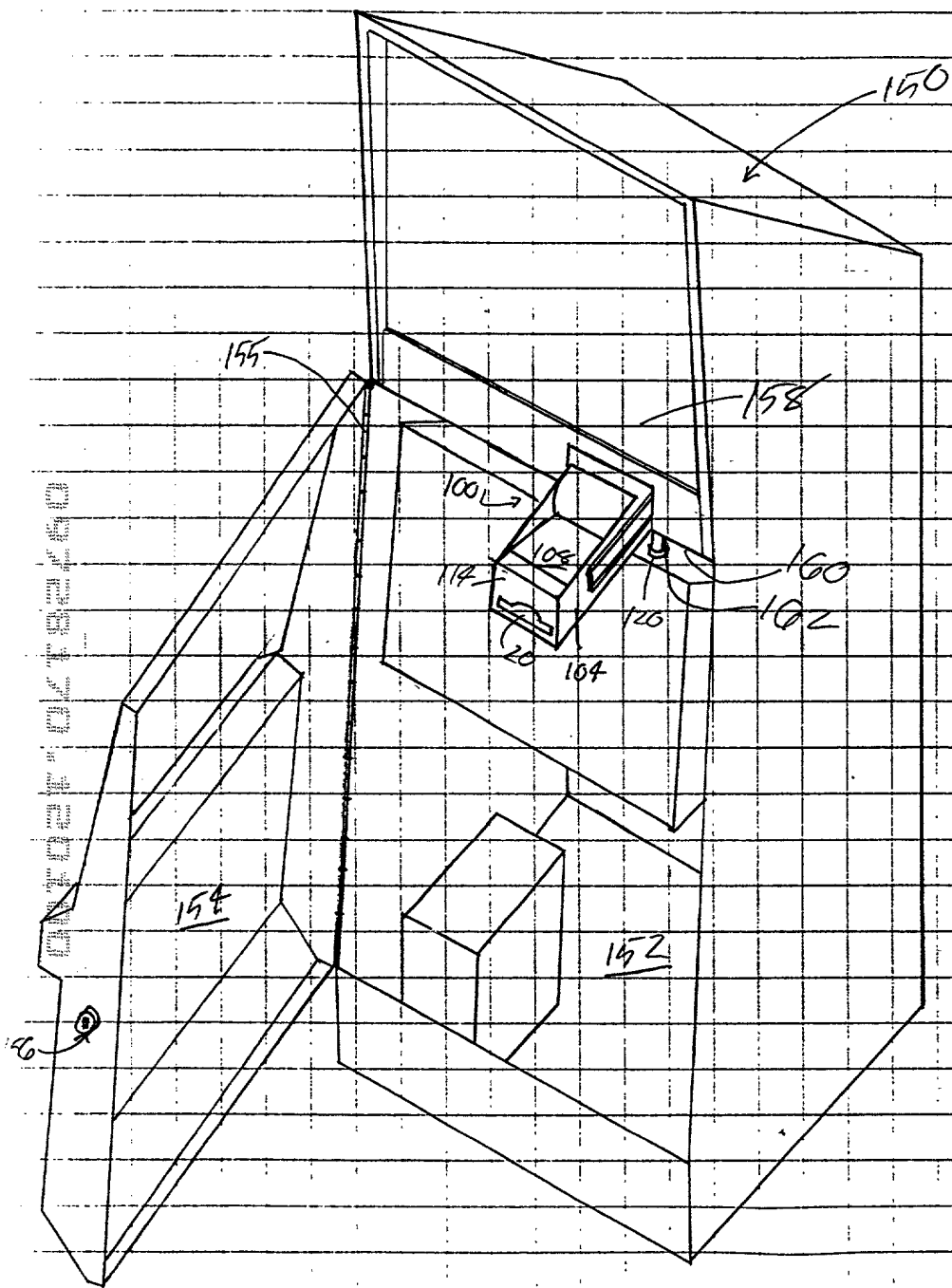


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